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THREE-TIME CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR 9 MONTHS FOR GUN CHARGES

LOUISVILLE, KY - Donald G. Goodlett, age 42, of Taylorsville, Kentucky, in Spencer County, was sentenced on July 30, 2007, to 1 year and 9 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Charles R. Simpson, III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Goodlett to 3 years supervised release following incarceration and ordered that he forfeit the firearms involved in the offenses. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Goodlett had plead guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and one count of possession of a firearm by an individual convicted of a domestic violence offense. Goodlett had previously been convicted of the following felonies: September 20, 1993, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants and bail jumping; and December 6, 1993, robbery, all three of which occurred in Jefferson County, Kentucky. The 1993 robbery conviction did not enhance the sentence because it occurred 14 years ago.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ann Claire Phillips.

The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Kentucky State Police, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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